

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room C in the William Powers Administration Building at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI on Tuesday, October 12, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 1:25 pm by Chairman George Farrell.

Commissioners present were Farrell, Preiss, Newbrook, Burlingame, Coutu, Pearson and Filippi. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Esq. and Administrative Aide Desiree Campanini.

The following appeals were heard:

Appeal #030329: Attorney Ralph Della Rosa for the property located at 99 Hicks Street, East Providence. Marshal George F. Wyrostek and Marshal Julian Bayuk appeared for the East Providence Fire Department. An on-site inspection of the property was conducted by a sub-committee of the Board at 9:30 am on Tuesday, October 12, 2004. The subcommittee recommended that the Applicant submit a seating plan limiting occupancy of the facility, and recommended that the Board grant the Applicant thirty (30) days in which to comply with the provisions of section 13.2.2.2 and 120 days to bring this facility into compliance. Commissioner Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to accept the subcommittee's recommendations. The motion was unanimous.

Providence School Department: Marshal Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Department. Jeffrey Morris of DiMeo Construction

has been granted the authority to testify on behalf of the Providence School system for the following facilities:

Appeal #040043: 370 Hartford Avenue, Providence (Oliver Perry Middle School) requesting additional time to complete work.

Appeal #030265: 101 Session Street, Providence (Nathan Bishop Middle School) requesting additional time to complete work.

Appeal #030264: 110 Paul Street, Providence (Windmill School) requesting additional time to complete work.

Appeal #030264: 1450 Broad Street, Providence (Feinstein Elementary School). The Board read a letter into the record dated 10/14/04 which outlined proposed corrective actions for the mandatory repairs. The Board granted the Applicant thirty (30) days to bring this facility into compliance. The Board granted relief from the provisions of sections 14.2.11.1, 7.2.2.3.3.1, and 6.3.45.1.

Appeal #030266: 425 Branch Avenue, Providence (Windmill Annex). A letter was read into the record outlining proposed corrective actions for mandatory repairs. A time variance was granted to complete the required repairs and the Applicant was directed to provide any sprinkler coverage required by the Providence Fire Marshal's office prior to the commencement of the 2005/2006 school year.

Appeal #030267: 195 Nelson Street, Providence (Robert F. Kennedy School). The Board approved changes to the plan of action for a portion of the building connected to the gymnasium on the north end of the building, which would allow the Applicant to replace 18 doors and to completely sprinkler the boiler room to comply with the Board's decision.

Appeal #030332: 155 Harrison Street, Providence (Harrison Street School) The Board granted a variance to allow the school to occupy the facility until June 30, 2005 at which time the School Department will either move out of the building or fully comply with the plan of action bringing the school into compliance with the fire code by the commencement of the 2005/2006 school year. The Board gave the Providence Fire Marshal's office 30 days to complete a full inspection of the building.

The Board also granted the Providence Fire Marshal's office until June 30, 2005 to complete the inspection of all the Providence public schools.

Commissioner Newbrook made a motion to grant the above relief; Commissioner Coutu seconded the motion which was unanimous.

New Business: Mr. George Staples, Director of Facilities and Mr. Max Girouard, Environmental Engineer for the Roman Catholic Diocese of

Providence appeared before the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to grant the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence a time variance of thirty (30) days to contact all of the municipalities by letter to set up an appointment to inspect all of the churches in the state. The Board requested that the Applicant provide a plan of action based on the above required inspection report in order to identify the buildings with the least amount of fire protection in their matrix for capitol funding. Also to be contained in the report is a plan of action for bringing the churches into compliance as well as a time frame in which to address the remaining issues at the direction and to the satisfaction of the local fire marshals. The Diocese will return to the Board on June 30, 2004 with the plan of action. The motion was unanimous.

Request by Inspector Lisa Krapf of the Providence Fire Marshal's office for clarification of the RI Life Safety Code definition of story. A motion was made by Commissioner Coutu, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, that the inspector should look for direction based on the definition used in the RI Fire Laws and Rules. The motion was unanimous.

Request by Paul Picard to address MC cable issues. The Board advised Mr. Picard to address those issues with the State Fire Marshal's office and refer to the blanket variance approved on March 9, 2004 by the Board. The State Fire Marshal's office has committed

themselves to this blanket variance for the last six months and if Mr. Picard feels that this issue needs to be reviewed, any changes need to be requested by the State Fire Marshal's office.